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January 10, 1980.

Presidential Directive/NSC-55

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Attorney General
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence ✓

SUBJECT: Intelligence Special Access Programs:
Establishment of the APEX Program

The President has approved establishment of the APEX program, a single special access system to protect particularly sensitive intelligence sources and methods. APEX conforms with Executive Order 12065 and will be implemented for the National Security Council by the Director of Central Intelligence as the Council's Executive Agent. The National Security Council will be the forum for any appeals arising during implementation of the APEX program.

The APEX program will control the nature, attributable collected information, and operational details of the most sensitive intelligence sources and methods, as determined by the Director of Central Intelligence. Uniform security standards established by the Director of Central Intelligence will govern access to, distribution of, and protection of intelligence sources and methods, subject to any specific statutory requirements applicable to any department or agency.

This memorandum supercedes the Presidential memorandum of August 26, 1960 and provides the authority to terminate the TALENT-KEYHOLE security control system.



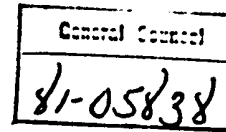
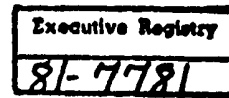
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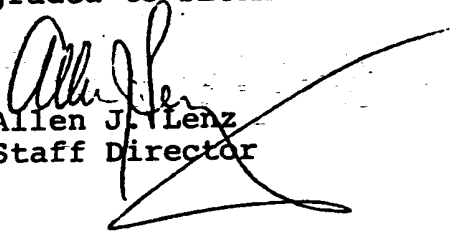


MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Thomas Cormack
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Downgrading of Memo

This is to confirm your conversation with my office on July 1, 1981. The classification of the memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence, Subject: PD/NSC-55, dated June 29, 1981, should be downgraded to SECRET.


Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

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Remarks:

Per my conversation this date
with Mr. Leidenheimer.

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June 29, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH
The Attorney General

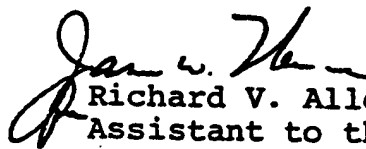
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL DAVID C. JONES
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: PD/NSC-55

That portion of PD/NSC-55, dated January 7, 1980, which established the APEX system, is rescinded. The DCI, with the other interested elements of the intelligence community, is requested to conduct a review of the remaining portion of the PD and provide recommendations for implementation.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:


Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker

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Review on June 29, 2001
Extended by Richard V. Allen
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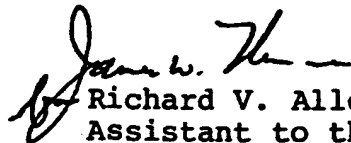
MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: PD/NSC-55

As you know, APEX was a very controversial issue among the agencies and departments.. We therefore seek the view of the community regarding revisions of the APEX system.

The attached memo cancels the implementation of APEX as you requested, requests that you solicit comments on revisions to PD/NSC-55 that may be needed, and forward your recommendations.

FOR-THE PRESIDENT:



Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Attachment

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
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